

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/023,401
Amendment F
March 25, 2005

Remarks

Applicants request re-consideration of the above-referenced patent application.

I. Amendments to claims

Claims 41, 42, 52, 56-58, 61, 69, and 70 are pending. This Amendment F amends claims 56, 57, and 70. All pending claims, including the amendments, are shown in the previous section. Applicants submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter, and are permissible under MPEP §2163.07. Specifically:

Claims 56 and 70 have been amended to delete the redundant abbreviations recited in parentheses (*i.e.*, "(3TC)" and/or "(ddC)").

Claim 57 has been amended to correct a typographical error (*i.e.*, "in" instead of "is").

Applicants reserve the right to pursue any canceled and/or unclaimed subject matter in one or more later-filed divisional and/or continuation applications.

II. Response to the objection to informalities in claims 56, 57, and 70

The Office action objects to a typographical error in claim 57 and to the parenthetical abbreviations in claims 56 and 70. Applicants request withdrawal of the objection. Applicants submit the the above-discussed amendments to claims 56, 57, and 70 address the Office action's concerns.

III. Information disclosure statement

The Office action states that all U.S. patents listed in previously submitted information disclosure statements have been reconsidered, and that the initialed forms 1449 were mailed together with the Office action. Applicants have not received initialed forms 1449 for references 1-22, and respectfully request those forms.

IV. Acknowledgment of patentability

Applicants acknowledge the Office action's finding that the claims are allowable, and request that the application be allowed.

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Applicants believe that they do not owe any fees for the filing of this Amendment F. If, however, Applicants do owe any fee(s), the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. In addition, if there is ever a fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if any issues arise that can be addressed over the phone to expedite the prosecution and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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